

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 15, 2024

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 5:28 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Jim Giacone opened in prayer and Shane Cockrum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Jim Giacone, Robin LaBuwi, Stacia Sloan and Shane Cockrum. Board members absent: Jay Copple.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Shane Garner, Faculty Member; and Parker Johnson, Student.

Shane Garner introduced himself as the new Athletic Director and shared plans for the future.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

5.2 Collective Bargaining

5.3 Purchase or Lease of Real Property

Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel, Collective Bargaining, and the Purchase or Lease of Real Property. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the executive board room at 5:33 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:04 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Jim Giacone – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, and Marci Glover – yes. Board members absent: Jay Copple.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, July 18, 2024**
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, July 18, 2024
- 6.2 Approve Financial Report (July 2024)**
- 6.3 Approve Payment of Bills (July 2024)**
- 6.4 Approve Final Reading Board Policy Updates Issue 115 and Policy 2:70 with 2:70E removed**
- 6.5 Approve Intergovernmental Agreement for Standby Ambulance Service**
- 6.6 Approve Cross Country meet in Terre Haute, IN on October 5, 2024**
- 6.7 Approve Sunday activity- Fall play set move in Sunday, September 8th, 2-5 P.M.**

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Jim Giaccone – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, and Mark Minor – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Enclosure A as well as the Intergovernmental Agreement for Standby Ambulance Service have been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Varsity girl's locker rooms renovation is still in progress and awaiting new lockers.
- First day back was a success and reminder that we have a great staff ready to serve our students.
- Thank you to those board members who were able to attend the first day back, as well as the athletic department gathering at the Elks.
- Consider moving the October board meeting as it falls during fall break.

Mr. Docherty provided a written report.

8. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Assignment of Personnel Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the MOU with BEA to split the Assistant Football and Student Council Sponsor stipends for the 2024-25 school year. Jim Giaccone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Timothy McDaniel for the Musical – Chorus position for the 2024-25 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve Gretchen Bennett for the Musical – Drama position for the 2024-25 school year. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve Sue Krapf for the Musical – Band position for the 2024-25 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve Joe Smith as Volunteer Assistant Coach in Wrestling for the 2024-25 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to approve Joe Smith as Class of 2028 sponsor for the 2024-25 school year. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to approve Nikki LaBuwi as Class of 2028 sponsor for the 2024-25 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted as follows: Stacia Sloan – yes, Robin LaBuwi – abstain, Shane Cockrum – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Jim Giacone - yes. Motion Carried.

10.2 Employment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to accept resignation from Keisha Pritchard as a teacher’s aide effective July 23, 2024. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to employ Kelley White as a teacher’s aide for the 2024-25 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.3 Review/Approve Tentative Budget and Set Hearing Date Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the tentative budget as presented and set the hearing date for September 19, 2024 at 5:15 P.M. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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12. ADJOURNMENT Robin LaBuwi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 P.M. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY